

Rock Canyon Preservation



Description: The project site is a parcel of land at the mouth of Rock Canyon that encompasses a well known geological formation known as the Gate of Rock Canyon. This parcel of land serves as the main access to the recreation opportunities available in the canyon. The conservation easement on the project site will protect the Gate of Rock Canyon from historic mining claims being reopened.

Location: The project site consists of 84.5 acres located at the entrance of Rock Canyon in Provo.

Acreage: 84.5 acres

Grant funding: \$160,000

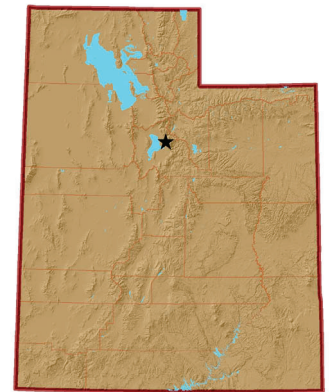
Total Project Cost: \$400,000

Grant Awarded: October 2004

Partners: Red Slab LLC, Provo City

Local Support: Sen. John Valentine, Provo City, Rock Canyon Alliance, Utah Native Plants Society, BYU Geology Department

Conservation Easement Held by: Provo City



Public Benefits

Watershed Protection: Careful stewardship of the canyon is important in order to protect Provo's water supply and to prevent flooding of nearby neighborhoods.

Wildlife Habitat: The land is used as habitat by several small animal species. Large animal species such as Mule Deer and Rocky Mountain Big Horn Sheep also common in Rock Canyon. Various bird species are abundant and utilize the rocky crags and cliff faces within the project area.

Cultural and Recreational: Historically, Rock Canyon has been revered by Native Americans as sacred place due to its beauty and scale. More recently, the canyon has been used by hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, hunters, skiers, wildlife enthusiasts, and geologists. The cliffs in the canyon provide are a prime attraction for rock climbers from around the country. The Rock Canyon Trailhead facilitates public access to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and The Rock Canyon trail as well as other natural, scenic, and recreational, sites.